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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT
FROM GREEK PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS

1. FYI: FOLLOWING CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM GREEK
PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS WAS CONVEYED TO DEPARTMENT BY GREEK
EMBASSY ON JULY 3:

BEGIN TEXT: ALLOW ME TO CONVEY TO YOU MY WARMEST AND
SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.

--THE PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS A HISTORIC EVENT
THAT HAS DECISIVELY SHAPED THE DESTINIES OF MANKIND. TWO
THOUSAND YEARS AFTER CLASSICAL GREECE, THE AMERICAN NATION
WAS THE FIRST TO TRANSLATE INTO ACTUAL POLITICAL PRACTICE
THE IDEAS OF FREEDOM, OF DEMOCRACY AND OF HUMAN DIGNITY,
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AND BECAUSE OF ITS STEADFAST ATTACHMENT TO THESE VALUES IT

ROSE TO GREATNESS, POWER AND PROSPERITY.

--OUR COMMON FAITH IN THESE PRINCIPLES AND OUR STRUGGLES IN
THEIR DEFENSE THROUGH THE COURSE OF HISTORY, HAVE CREATED
BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES THE LASTING BONDS WHICH CONSTITUTE
THE FOUNDATION OF THEIR FRIENDSHIP.

--I WISH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND YOU, PERSONALLY, MR.
PRESIDENT, ALL HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY.

SIGNED CONSTANTIN KARAMANLIS, PRIME MINISTER. END TEXT

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE DELIVER
TO GREEK PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS:

BEGIN TEXT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND
I JOIN IN EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL
MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR
NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

--IN OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
NOT ONLY MARK THE DEEDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST,
BUT ALSO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM,
DIGNITY AND EQUALITY.

--WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TOWARD THE IMPORTANT
GOALS OUR NATIONS SHARE.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO.

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